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Title: Use of a Modified Phosphate for Enhancing the Natural Mutation Rate in Bacteria and Mutating Recombinant DNA Phage Inserts.
Examiner: Nancy Vogel
Art Unit:1636

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

RE: Office Action Dated 3/26/07

Sir:

The patent considered here is a divisional application of the parent application Ser. Nr. 10/007,489 filed 12/05/2001 which has already issued titled *Microbial Production of Phosphorothioate Substituted DNA, RNA, and Oligo Mixtures*. The present application is the second divisional of the parent application. The other divisional application is pending or application #10/679,305 titled *Manipulation of RNA stability and Protein Synthesis Using Thiophosphate*.

The claims for the present application correspond to claims 6-7 of the parent application number 10/007,489. The claims in the present application were mis-numbered as claims 1 and 2 when I submitted the divisional. I hope the examiner will reconsider this numbering as this is how the other divisional application was done. The new claim in this application is numbered claim 15. The number 15 was chosen because a new claim was presented in the first divisional as claim 14 but then was later cancelled. I hope this numbering is correct.

I have modified the claims only in regards as to their status.

I wish to declare and make a verified statement that the modified claims contain no new matter as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b) or 1.825 (d).

Please under MPEP 707.07(j) the pro se applicant requests that if the Examiner finds patentable subject matter disclosed in this application, but feels that applicant's present claims are not entirely suitable, the Examiner draft one or more allowable claims for the applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth Frayne". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

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